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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

Rinze BENEDICTUS et al.

Application No.: 10/821,184

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Examiner: Janelle Combs-Morillo

TITLE: AN Al-Zn-Mg-Cu ALLOY WITH IMPROVED DAMAGE  
TOLERANCE-STRENGTH COMBINATION PROPERTIES

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

I, Alfred Ludwig Heinz, declare and state as follows:

1. My educational background includes a university degree in Metal Physics from the University of Cologne, Germany, and a PhD degree in Materials Science from the University of Aachen, Germany.

2. I am currently employed by Aleris Aluminum Koblenz GmbH the assignee of the present application and have the job title of Vice-President Supply Chain Europe. I have been employed by Aleris Aluminum Koblenz GmbH and its predecessors Corus Aluminium Walzprodukte GmbH and Hoogovens Aluminium Walzprodukte GmbH for 17 years.

3. I am an inventor or co-inventor on at least 6 U.S. patents and I am the author or co-author of over 30 technical publications relating to this technology.

4. I am a co-inventor of the invention claimed in the above identified application.

5. I am familiar with the current claims of the above-identified application as presented by an Amendment of September 9, 2008. I am also familiar with the